

## MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT

The State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation desire to permit mutual recognition of real estate licenses for the mutual benefit of their citizens.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT:**

I. Upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below, a real estate broker associate, sales associate, broker, salesperson or equivalent licensee currently licensed in Florida or Rhode Island herein will be granted a real estate license of equivalent type in the other state without being required to demonstrate additional real estate or other education, experience, or examination requirements.

- A. An active Rhode Island real estate licensee seeking an equivalent real estate license in the State of Florida must:
  - 1. Submit a completed Florida application for licensure with supporting applicable electronic fingerprint data, documentation, and fees;
  - 2. Be 18 years of age or older;
  - 3. Hold a high school diploma, or equivalent;
  - 4. Have obtained Rhode Island's real estate license by having met Rhode Island's educational and examination requirements;
  - 5. Provide a certified history of the applicant's current licensure and good standing in the State of Rhode Island with their Florida application;
  - 6. Agree to service of process in any civil action in the State of Florida;
  - 7. Agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Real Estate and the Florida Real Estate Commission for purposes of investigation and disciplinary action;
  - 8. Successfully complete the state portion of the State of Florida's real estate examination;
  - 9. Comply with the State of Florida's post licensing requirements;
  - 10. Comply with the State of Florida's continuing education course requirements;

11. Agree to be bound by the state of Florida's Statutes, Administrative Code, and any other rules and regulations applicable to Florida real estate licensees; and
  12. If a broker applicant, has held a current and valid real estate broker's license in the State of Rhode Island for at least 24 months during the preceding five years prior to applying for mutual licensure with Florida.
- B. An active Florida real estate licensee seeking an equivalent real estate license in Rhode Island must:
1. Submit a completed Rhode Island Real Estate Broker/Salesperson application for licensure with supporting documentation, and fees, including:
    - a. A Criminal History Record from the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General and from the state of Florida;
    - b. A Tax Payer Status Affidavit;
    - c. Agree to service of process in any civil action in the State of Rhode Island through a designation of the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, or his or her successor or designee, as their power of attorney upon whom all lawful process in any action or proceeding against the licensee may be served;
  2. Be 18 years of age or older;
  3. Have obtained their Florida real estate license by having met Florida's educational and examination requirements;
  4. Provide a certified history of the applicant's current licensure and good standing in Florida;
  5. Provide copies of any disciplinary actions taken against them in Florida or in any other state where they are or have been licensed;
  6. Agree in writing to be bound by Rhode Island's statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to real estate broker and salesperson licensees;
  7. Agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation for purposes of investigation and disciplinary action;
  8. Successfully complete the state portion of the Rhode Island's real estate examination as may be required; and

9. Comply with the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation's continuing education requirements.
- C. The certified licensure history required herein shall be issued by the applicable state agency in the state from which the applicant is applying and shall contain:
1. The applicant's name as licensed in their jurisdiction and address as last reported to their jurisdiction;
  2. The type of license held by the applicant and the license number;
  3. The commencement date of licensure and the expiration date of applicant's current license; and
  4. A complete record of any disciplinary action taken or disciplinary proceeding pending against the applicant.
  5. Each state will accept the other state's online certificate of licensure with printed/color seal.
- D. Each state's application shall contain or be accompanied by an attestation that the applicant has read and agrees to comply with all provisions of the real estate license laws and rules or regulations in the state in which the applicant is applying for licensure and to cooperate with any investigation by the licensing agency in such state regarding allegations of violations of that state's real estate license law and rules or regulations.
- E. Prior to performing any act requiring a real estate license in the state to which the applicant is applying, the applicant must provide proof as required by that state that the applicant will be actively and personally sponsored by an active real estate broker licensed to practice in that state.
- II. The State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation agree to cooperate fully regarding any investigation of the conduct of a licensee holding a license in both states pursuant to this Agreement and to promptly report to each other any disciplinary action taken against such licensee.
- III. The State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation reserve the right to refuse to issue an applicant any license based upon the grounds provided in their respective real estate license law and rules or regulations.
- IV. Either state may terminate this Agreement upon giving at least ninety (90) days written notice to the other state.

- V. This Agreement shall become effective upon the signature and approval of the Chair of the Florida Real Estate Commission, the Director of Florida's Division of Real Estate, Department of Business & Professional Regulation, and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation.
- VI. This Agreement shall expire five years from the effective date and may be renewed for five additional years through an email agreement between the appropriate designated signatory(ies) for both states.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each state has caused this Agreement to be executed by its respective duly authorized representative(s).

Florida

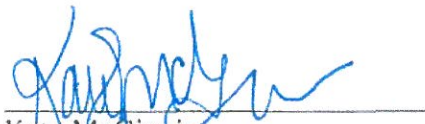


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